

**TOWN OF GRANBY
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2011**

PRESENT: Edward (Ned) Allen, Chairman; Squire Bressor, Jennifer Bilodeau, and Brigid Gunn and Tom Tyburski, Director of Granby Parks & Recreation Department.

Guests: Daphne Shinder, Recreation Assistant, Pam Mayo, Boxwood Court at the Gables.

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order and confirmed a quorum at 7:39PM.

MINUTES

ON A MOTION by Squire Bressor, seconded by Jennifer Bilodeau, the Board unanimously 4-0-0 to approve the minutes of September 6, 2011.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Mayo introduced herself as a member of the Board of Directors for The Gables. The Board has concerns concerning the use of their property for the 225 celebration: specifically, the path was twice as wide as initially indicated and trees were taken down. It was explained a dead tree was taken down for safety reasons and this was an agreement between Public Works and Mr. Haggarty; and the path was probably widened due to the ground conditions and need to get equipment onto the path to dump wood chips. Public Works is currently working with the Gables to restore the property to their satisfaction.

OLD BUSINESS

A. GAFLAC

No update.

B. Bathhouse

No word on the grant.

C. 225

Ned reported that early indications that there were a large number of people who attended the festivities and it was a great party despite the weather - the rain stopped in time for the parade, a few sprinkles in the afternoon and then no rain for the fireworks. Comments have been positive; shuttle service was good as well as the handicap bus service.

Unfortunately, we had 3 no-show food vendors and most vendors ran out of food. The midway grossed \$18,000; the cake \$700+ and food tix sales \$16,900. The Beer Garden went smoothly. There were only a few other minor incidents throughout the day but overall, everything went well. The Board felt the committee should be honored for their work.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Program Updates

The new website – www.GranbyRec.com is up and running with on-line registration; there has been a good response. We are accepting registrations for skiing, basketball, a baby-sitting class on November 8, kids' yoga and adult zumba. The Intro to Spanish has three (3) fall classes with 20 enrolled at both Wells and Kelly Lane and 17 at Kearns with waiting lists. Upcoming bus trips: the turkey train this week is full, NYC this Wednesday, and December NYC is almost sold out.

Kevin Blake from the Football Club presented their proposal to the BOS at a recent meeting and Tom explained the P&R Board's recommendations. The Board of Selectmen endorsed the scoreboard, the snack shack and the music with limitations – use of the sound system to be evaluated on a weekly basis; the coaches' platform and sponsor board are being referred back to the P&R Board for further discussion and approval. The football group will work with Town Manager Smith, Public Works and Tom Tyburski to get these items accomplished and all final proposals and approvals will be left to the Town Manager.

Tom met with the Football Club this week and the following was determined: 1) the scoreboard will be located in the woods behind the nearest goal to the road and closer to electricity; it will probably be run by a generator for the duration of this season. 2) The sponsor board will be located next to the scoreboard; a proposed design was presented to the P&R Board. Neither of these boards will be visible from the road.

ON A MOTION by Jennifer Bilodeau, seconded by Squire Bressor, the Board unanimously voted 4-0-0 to recommend approval of the sponsor board.

Park Updates

Ahrens Park is holding up well. At SBP, the DOGG Park is open again and their Dogg Dazes went well; the auxiliary parking area is re-paved; and the beach has been re-raked. Everything was in good condition for the 225.

B. **Coalition Update** – No report.

OTHER BUSINESS as NECESSARY

A. Tree Lighting

The Chamber does not have the resources to put toward this project and therefore it will not be run this year.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by Squire Bressor, **SECONDED** by Jennifer Bilodeau, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay A. Woodford, Recording Secretary